

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDER AMENDING
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R5-2008-0059
(NPDES NO. CA0079103)**

FOR

**CITY OF MODESTO
WATER QUALITY CONTROL FACILITY
STANISLAUS COUNTY**

The City of Modesto owns and operates the City of Modesto Water Quality Control Facility (Facility), a wastewater collection and treatment system that serves the City of Modesto, the community of Empire, and a portion of the City of Ceres. The Facility is allowed to discharge up to (i) 70 million gallons per day seasonal (October-May) secondary treated effluent when 20:1 flow ratio (river flow to effluent) is available and (ii) 4.8 million gallons per day year-round of tertiary treated effluent. The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) have classified this discharge as a major discharge. Treated municipal wastewater is discharged into the San Joaquin River, a water of the United States.

On 25 April 2008, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2008-0059 (NPDES No. CA0079103) prescribing waste discharge requirements and time schedules for full compliance with final effluent limitations for ammonia that become effective on 14 June 2013. The Discharger developed a treatment feasibility study to evaluate project alternatives for compliance with the final ammonia effluent limitations. Based on the study, the Discharger has requested additional time to come into compliance with the ammonia limits. An Order is proposed amending Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2008-0059 to extend the effective date for the final ammonia effluent limitations to 1 February 2016.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 17/18/19 March 2010
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- City of Modesto representatives

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the

evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **26 February 2010**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than 5:00 pm on **26 February 2010**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5:00 pm on **26 February 2010** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.


All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed Order should contact Mr. James Marshall at (916) 464-4772. Interested parties may download this notice and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/index.shtml. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

26 January 2010